

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance mailed April 5, 2006, Applicant notes the allowed claims include independent Claim 1 and independent Claim 15.

Dependent Claims 4 – 6 (depending from Claim 1) and dependent Claims 21 ~ 22 (depending from Claim 15) were subject to an initial species restriction and were deemed withdrawn.

As the generic claim from which these dependent claims depend has now been deemed allowed, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of these dependent claims as additional species. As Claims 4 – 6 and Claims 21 – 22 are written in dependent form and include all the limitations of the allowed claims from which they depend, Claims 4 – 6 and Claims 21 – 22 are believed allowable.

The inclusion of dependent Claims 4 – 6 and Claims 21 – 22 does not require any additional search or examination. As the April 5, 2006 Notice of Allowance was the first indication of the relevant generic claim being allowed, the present amendment is made at the first opportunity.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a Supplemental Notice of Allowance indicating the allowance of Claims 4 – 6 and 21 – 22, and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

If the Examiner believes that any further issues remain, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned so that such matters can be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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